

MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF  
CALHOUN COUNTY COUNCIL

Calhoun County Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Courthouse Annex.

Present: Chairman David K. Summers, Jr., Vice Chairman James E. Haigler, Councilmembers Cecil M. Thornton, Jr., John Nelson, and Helen Carson; also Administrator Lee Prickett, Jr., and Vickie Stoudemire, filling in for Clerk Donna Allread.

The following Press was notified of the meeting by mail or by fax in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act: The Calhoun Times and The Times and Democrat.

Chairman Summers called the meeting to order.

A Public Hearing was held on Ordinance 2-2012, an Ordinance Of The County Council of Calhoun County Providing For The Amendments Of That Certain Water Purchase And Supply Agreement Between The Lake Marion Regional Water Agency And Calhoun County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. There were no appearances or questions.

Invocation was offered by Councilman John Nelson.

Minutes of the January 9, 2012 meeting were approved by motion of Councilman James Haigler and seconded by Councilman John Nelson.

Chairman Summers asked for any appointments by the Council. Mr. Haigler appointed Joseph Perry to be a member of the Recreational Committee. The appointment was seconded by Councilman Cecil Thornton. Councilman Nelson appointed Sheila Willis to the same Committee and this appointment was seconded by James Haigler. No other appointments were made.

Connie Shade, Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Government appeared and gave an update on the Cross County Connection project. She advised that a public hearing was held at 4:30. She stated that the project has not taken off in Calhoun County as hoped and that ridership had dropped from 180 in March, 2011 to only 4 or 5 in December, 2011. Director Shade advised that this drop off began when the \$1.00 fare took effect. They would like to reduce the route to a fixed route one day a week beginning on February 2, 2012. This route would be around the Town of St. Matthews and into Orangeburg. They would like to continue with a demand response route and asked that Calhoun County Council fund up to \$16,000.00 for this door-to-door route in the next budget, as the grant requires matching funds. Council approved the route change and took the budget request under advisement.

Kristen Simensen, Director of the Calhoun County Public Library appeared and asked Council to approve a Resolution authorizing using Setoff Debt Collection Authorization for a new laptop loan program. This program is being funded by a grant from Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College. The Setoff Debt Collection would be used to recover cost of unreturned or damaged lap tops and would only be used for collections of over \$250.00. She stated that the Library Board is in agreement. Councilman Haigler asked what priority would be set since other County entities also use Setoff Debt Collection to collect unpaid bills. Administrator Prickett advised that the County Council would have authority to decide

priority. Administrator Prickett also asked that Boyce Till be appointed to hear appeals of the Setoff Debt Collection. A motion was made by Mr. Haigler that the resolution be approved. Councilwoman Helen Carson seconded the motion. The motion passed. John Nelson made a motion that Boyce Till be appointed to hear appeals. Cecil Thornton seconded. The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett advised Council that Calhoun Cares has asked for approval to temporarily move to the old Library on Harry C. Raysor Drive. James Haigler made a motion to approve the move and Cecil Thornton seconded. The motion passed.

Administrator Prickett advised Council that Calhoun County Resources, which leases the old West End Branch of the library located on Calhoun Road, has asked for an extension to finish working on title issues to the property. This extension was approved.

Administrator Prickett advised Council that EPA grant funds designated for water line extension in the Fort Motte area of the County cannot be used for engineering services. Council authorized payment from local funds and a decision needs to be made go forward with the lines.

Administrator Prickett asked Council to hold a work session at 9:30 a.m. on February 7, 2012 in place of the regular Council meeting. He would like to discuss some issues, including water line extension. Council agreed.

Administrator Prickett advised Council that he has been contacted by property owners of Sandy Wood Subdivision and Perrywood Subdivision who are requesting that the County take over maintenance of their dirt roads. Chairman Summers asked that pictures be taken to be presented at the February 7 work session so that Council will have a better idea of the road conditions. Administrator Prickett said that he would have pictures available.

Administrator Prickett advised Council that Calhoun County would be hosting the Lower Savannah Council of Government meeting on February 9, 2012 at the Calhoun County Museum.

Administrator Prickett reported that property tax collections were down by about 3% but that the reduction had been made up by Fee-in-Lieu of payment by several industries in the County. He stated that his only concern with budget overrun is the possibility of increased gas prices, but that a contingency fund is in place to help with that. He also advised that one of the older EMS ambulances may be able to be converted into a bariatric ambulance which could generate some revenue.

Third reading was held on Ordinance 2-2011 An Ordinance of the County Council Of Calhoun County Providing For The Amendments Of That Certain Water Purchase And Supply Agreement Between The Lake Marion Regional Water Agency And Calhoun County, South Carolina; And Other Matters Relating Thereto. Motion was made by Vice Chairman James Haigler and Seconded by Councilman Cecil Thornton. Motion was unanimously passed.

*3-2-2011 RHA*  
Motion was made by Vice Chairman James Haigler and seconded by Councilman John Nelson to have first reading by title on Ordinance ~~1-2012~~ *3-2-2011 RHA* An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of A Bond Anticipation Note In The Principal Amount Of Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$2,713,000.00) By Calhoun County, South Carolina In Anticipation Of The Receipt Of The Proceeds Of The Sale Of A Not Exceeding Two Million Seven Hundred Thirteen Thousand Dollar (\$2,713,000)

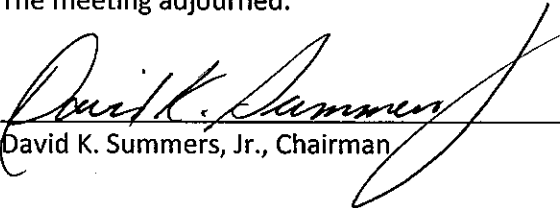
Waterworks System Improvement Revenue Bond Of Calhoun County, South Carolina. The Motion passed.

Motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Vice Chairman Haigler to go into execution session in reference to Economic Development and a personnel issue in the Administrative Office. The motion passed.

Council went into executive session.

Council returned to regular session.

The meeting adjourned.



David K. Summers, Jr., Chairman



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